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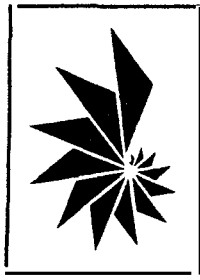
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# Stimulus

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Forward to 50

## Endowment drive will help students

Forward to 50 is the School of Social Work's first major effort at developing an endowment program. While the University of Tennessee provides us with a funding base for students, faculty and the curriculum, we need to move beyond this base to improve the school's quality and excellence.

A major priority of the Forward to 50 program will be to provide financial aid to

promising social work students. The endowment program will also help to maintain the high standards and expectations of faculty development in teaching, advancing skills and research that will improve both practice and education. And additional resources are always needed to update and enlarge our library collections.

These improvements will lead to high quality social work education—education

that is a key to superior social work practice and services. This link between practice and education and the pursuit of quality is the primary motivation behind our Forward to 50 endowment program.

We are asking alumni, faculty and friends of the school to make a contribution to this effort with a pledge for the next ten years. Thanks for your support.—Dean Ben P. Granger

## A 'good news/bad news' letter

Dear Fellow Alum:

As we hope most of you know by now, the major fund-raising program of the School of Social Work is "Forward to 50," a concept used to commemorate the school's approaching 50th anniversary in 1992. The goal of this program is to create an endowment fund of \$500,000, which will help provide the school with the financial leverage needed for improvements in student scholarships, faculty development and library acquisitions.

At the recent meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, we received a "good news/bad news" report from Dean Ben Granger about the Forward to 50 campaign.

The good news is that the program has already resulted in contributions totaling \$3,490. This represents an increase over the efforts previously made to fund the Alumni Scholarship Program, which is now included in the Forward to 50 campaign. More good news is that \$19,815 has been pledged in the campaign over the next ten-year period. A nice beginning for a worthy program! The bad news is that all of the good news was accomplished with only 49 gifts and pledges. Many more contributors are needed.

We want to emphasize that contributions do not need to be large in order to be significant. If 3,000 alumni gave \$20 a year for ten years, the grand total would be \$600,000. That would be over our goal! If all of us were to make a reasonable pledge (\$10; \$20; \$50 a year) over the next ten years, the results could be a major and lasting contribution to strengthening the school.

In addition to these smaller contributions, we also will be seeking larger gifts from individuals, industry and other friends of the school. With these contributions, both large and small, we may well reach our Forward to 50 goal of \$500,000.

Think about it. And then do something about it.

Checks should be made out to "UT School of Social Work, Forward to 50 Fund," and mailed to: Dean's Office, UT School of Social Work, Henson Hall, Knoxville, TN 37996-3333. All contributions are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

Farrell Cooper, Alumni Association President

Julie Hardin, Alumni Association Vice-President

## '84 PhD

### program recruitment in full swing

Another series of after work coffees sponsored by the PhD program is planned for early spring. Times and locations are:

**Knoxville**—Tuesday, March 13, 1984; UTSSW, Henson Hall, UT-K Campus; 4:30 p.m. **Nashville**—Thursday, March 15, 1984; UTSSW, Clement Hall, TSU Campus; 4:30 p.m. **Memphis**—Thursday, March 22, 1984; UTSSW, 847 Monroe; 4:30 p.m.

The PhD program provides experienced MSWs with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of direct service or administration and planning within one of several areas of practice (mental health, health, justice, public social service and rural settings and settings which serve families and children, minority groups and the physically and mentally handicapped) and to contribute, through research, to extending the knowledge base guiding that area of practice.

Robert C. Bonovich, program director, and faculty members will provide a brief overview of the program and respond to questions. For more information, write to the PhD Social Work Program, UT-K, Henson Hall, Knoxville, 37996-3333; or call

## Alumni notes

### Caldwell honored at banquet

**Camilla Johnston Caldwell** ('48) and her husband, Nat, were honored at a "roast and toast" banquet in Nashville on September 26. Caldwell, a graduate of the Nashville School of Social Work at Vanderbilt (which became the University of Tennessee School of Social Work in 1951), has had a long and distinguished career in numerous state and local human service agencies. Her husband is a Pulitzer Prize-winning staff member of *The Tennessean*.

Caldwell has been the executive secretary of the Davidson County Welfare Commission, now known as Metropolitan Social Services. She organized the social service department of the Davidson County Hospital and Nashville Metropolitan General Hospital and was a member of the Tennessee Task Force, which planned the Comprehensive Mental Health Clinics. She has served as executive secretary of the Traveier's Aid Society of Nashville.

Caldwell has also had an interest in older persons in Nashville, being named to the first Senior Citizens Board of Directors. Proceeds from the banquet benefitted SAGA: Social Action Group on Aging, Inc., a Nashville-based organization that helps older people through advocacy, service and education.

### Green appointed director

**Thomas E. Green** ('72) has been appointed director of the Community Services Division of the Arkansas Human Services Department. The division coordinates state services to regional community action agencies that administer federally funded programs for the poor.

A native of Little Rock, Green also serves as city representative on a board for community housing loans and on the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Project Task Force for Improvement of Services to Blacks. Before his new appointment, he worked as a family advocate social worker at Little Rock's East End Community Center.

### Cardwell named director of year

**Scarlet L. Cardwell** ('74), medical social work director at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, has been named hospital social work director of the year by the North Carolina Society for Hospital Social Work Di-

rectors, an affiliate of the American Hospital Association.

"Cardwell was selected by her peers for her outstanding contribution, service and leadership toward promotion of quality patient care," a society spokesman said.

Cardwell has directed Presbyterian's medical social work department since 1980. She has participated in developing a standard transfer agreement now in use between Charlotte hospitals and extended care facilities and helped organize a program in which several hospital departments meet together weekly to discuss patients' discharge planning needs. She has also been involved in planning and implementing pediatric and oncologic support groups.

"Social workers play an essential role in the hospital, especially with the current economy," Cardwell said. "There is an increasing focus on cost containment and appropriate bed utilization. We're involved in seeing that patients receive the continuity of care they need, so that they can function as independently as possible in the least restrictive environment."

Cardwell has been listed in Who's Who in American Women for the past two years and chairs the Social Work Advisory Committee of the Charlotte Area Health Education Center.

### Fry advocates patients' rights

For the past two years, **William Fry** ('74) has been the only patients' rights advocate for the mentally ill in California's Riverside County.

Created by special California legislation, this job is part of a statewide patients' rights advocacy system. Regulations mandate that each county mental health department appoint an ombudsman to protect the rights of all patients in public and private mental health treatment facilities.

Fry makes sure each hospitalized person receives a patient rights handbook with Fry's address and telephone number stamped inside. He repeatedly addresses mental health issues, such as humane treatment, excessive medication and improved communication, with patients and staff during frequent visits to acute psychiatric units.

In addition, he works with former mental patients organized as We CAN (Clients Advocacy Now) who aid his educational efforts by speaking at different agencies and hospitals.

Since Fry has become a patient advocate, he says he has been encouraged by what he sees as more progressive attitudes on the

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## Faculty/staff notes

**David Harrison** is chairing the UT Committee on International Education this year. One of his duties is to screen Fulbright applicants.

**Kate Mullins** and **Nellie Tate** presented invitational papers at the National Association of Social Workers Symposium, Washington, DC. Mullins' paper was on "Genetics as Prevention" and Tate's was on "Social Work Practice with Minority Aged."

**Hisashi Hirayama** and **Kasumi Hirayama** presented a paper entitled "Empowerment through Group Participation: Process and Goal" at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Advancement of Social Work with Groups, Detroit, MI.

**Muammer Cetingok** presented a paper, "Development of Social Work Education and Training for Industrial Social Work Practice: The Memphis Experience," at the 35th Anniversary Symposium of the School of Social Work, University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana, IL.

Memphis branch faculty provided training this past summer for those working with the elderly in the Northwest and Southwest Regional Development Districts. A grant from the Tennessee Commission on Aging funded the training. Content areas included "Management Information Systems—Family and Community-Based Care," **Marvin Feit**; "Resource Development and Utilization," **Robert Rowen**; "Case Management," **Virginia Gates**; "Team Relationships," **Claire Lowrey**; and "Outreach and Involvement," **Nellie Tate**.

### Computer workshop held in Nashville

A three-day workshop on the use of microcomputers has been developed by **H.F. Coyle, Jr.**, assistant professor at the Nashville Branch. Sixty-one administrators from 33 human service organizations attended these workshops this summer.

The workshop is designed to give agency administrators a basic understanding of how microcomputers can be used to strengthen management practice and to provide them with hands-on computer experience using commercially available software.

Participants rated the overall program as excellent. One agency executive commented that the workshop provided her with precisely the kind of information and exposure to microcomputers she and her staff needed.

## Memphis branch holds open house

The Memphis branch of the School of Social Work held an open house on October 24 to celebrate their new quarters on the third floor of the Administration Annex/Dental Faculty Building, 847 Monroe Ave. Guests included UT officials, alumni, representatives from community health and social service agencies and friends from UTCHS departments.

## Committee meets on education and practice

The Knoxville Alumni Affairs Committee has held two meetings designed to lessen the distance between the "ivory tower" of education and the "front line" of practice, said Julie Hardin, head of the committee.

UTSSW faculty members presented an overview of today's social work goals and realities on September 29. In December, alumni presented an overview of what their jobs are and how their education has prepared them to practice in the community.

For more information on the committee's activities, contact Julie Hardin, Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, 5908 Lyons View Dr., Knoxville, TN 37919; 584-1561, ext. 7363.

## German Fulbright scholar attends SSW

For the second year in a row, a Fulbright scholar is attending classes at UTSSW, Knoxville. Elizabeth Reichert, from Mannheim, Germany, said she applied for the scholarship so she could come to America and learn about different aspects of social work.

Reichert has a four-year undergraduate degree in social work from the Fachhochschule in Social Work, Mannheim. Before coming to the United States, she was working in a "halfway house" for adolescents, where she did psychiatric counseling and group therapy.

When she returns to Germany, Reichert said she will consider working in adult education, such as reading and writing courses for people who are illiterate, classes for immigrants like the growing Turkish population to learn German, and providing legal aid for deprived and poor people.

# SSW captures seven grants for FY 84

The UT School of Social Work has been awarded several grants for FY 84. Last year, the School of Social Work was one of five UTK colleges or schools receiving more than \$1 million in grants and contracts, a trend that continues for this year.

## Four NIMH grants awarded

The UT School of Social Work has been awarded four grants totaling \$140,000 from the National Institute of Mental Health.

The first grant of \$19,000 will fund traineeships in child mental health. These will be awarded to social work clinical students and will pay for their tuition and fees and provide a monthly stipend.

The second grant of \$37,000 will fund faculty development in child mental health. One facet of this grant will be the direct case-by-case participation by Carl L. Wilks, associate professor, as part of an interdisciplinary team dealing with emotionally disturbed children and their families within the UT Child Guidance Center in Memphis.

The third grant of \$47,000 will fund faculty development in geriatric social work. Dorothy Idleburg, assistant professor, will be responsible for curriculum development and implementation in the area of geriatric mental health.

The fourth grant of \$37,000 will provide clinical training in mental health for minority students. The emphasis will be on the provision of quality social services to minority and other unserved or underserved populations with special mental health needs. Twelve traineeships will be awarded.

## Resource center refunded for 1984

The Southeast Resource Center for Children and Youth Services, OCSWE, UTSSW, has been continued for FY 84 with a grant of \$400,000 from the Children's Bureau of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The center serves the eight southeastern states of Federal Region IV—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee—with training and technical assistance in the areas of child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption, and youth services.

Specific services of the center include a quarterly newsletter, *Outlook on Children, Youth, and Families*, a collection of audio-visual materials available for loan, books and training materials, computer searches, and the Tele-Information Network (TIN). TIN provides databases on regional human service resources and also is a direct computer link among child welfare offices in the southeastern states, the Region IV office of the Children's Bureau in Atlanta and OCSWE.

For more details about the center, contact the Southeast Resource Center for Children and Youth Services, 1838 Terrace Ave., Knoxville, TN 37996-3920; (615) 974-2308.

## DHS renews OCSWE contracts

With a continuation proposal of \$600,000, the Office of Continuing Social Work Education (OCSWE) is providing social services training and technical assistance to the Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS). The goal again this year is to help DHS provide better services to clients and improve worker skills.

OCSWE, UTSSW, has also been awarded a separate continuation proposal of \$100,000 to provide family assistance training for DHS. The planned program will build on and reinforce knowledge and skills that workers learned in previous courses.

The recent Jobs Bill has had a large impact on the training provided to DHS. Funds from this bill will be used to hire 68 Junior Social Counselors for a one-year term. OCSWE will be providing these new workers with an intensive one-week orientation to give them beginning level skills and knowledge. OCSWE will also be conducting an evaluation of this approach to determine whether this intense one-week training is the most effective way to train new workers.

The Jobs Bill money also will be used to establish two pilot projects for training workers already employed by DHS. These projects will be designed to improve services to families in which there have been sexually abused children and services to natural parents in the process of permanency planning decision making.

OCSWE will be conducting an evaluation of the effectiveness of these services as well

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part of hospital staff and the public toward the mentally disabled in the county. Area hospital administrators have given Fry high marks for his diplomacy, availability and skill in resolving complaints.

## Smith works in prison program

In Nashville, **Patricia Redmon Smith** ('77) has been named advisor/counselor of the recently combined Vanderbilt Prison Project and the Volunteers-In-Service program, both of which are housed in the Office of University Ministry. This program allows university volunteers to serve the community in the areas of criminal justice and social services.

Smith, a native of Mississippi, has worked for Children and Youth Services of the Meharry Community Mental Health Center, and she is affiliated with both the national and local Alliance of Black Social Welfare.

## Orr switches to United Way

**Philip Orr** ('80) is "swimming against the current," having moved from the private to the voluntary sector. He is now working as a campaign associate with United Way of Nashville and Middle Tennessee, having switched from an insurance

company, NLT Corp. (recently merged with American General).

Orr brings a unique background of business and social services to his new job. Unable to find a social work job in Nashville after graduating, he started working with NLT as a computer programmer. Later he worked in the human resources and personnel department as a college recruiter and interviewer, job counselor and finally as a home office training manager. In the latter role, he developed and implemented training courses.

NLT then appointed him a "loan executive" to United Way. Companies participating in this program "loan" employees to United Way for two to three months to campaign. When a permanent opening came up at United Way, Orr said he decided to switch. He said his new job is making good use of both his business experience and social work education.

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615-974-6481 (Knoxville, Toni Campbell); 615-329-1212 (Nashville, Harriett Stuckey); or 901-577-4463 (Memphis, Kate Mullins). Please call at least one week in advance of the coffee.

For those who live beyond commuting distance from the coffee locations, write or call for a new program brochure and an application.

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as working with DHS staff in developing a chapter manual on permanency planning. One outcome of this effort is to encourage legislative awareness of how reduced caseloads and improved skills can have an impact on these problems.

In addition to general staff development training services, OCSWE is expanding this year on the delivery of foster care training. One new area is the development of foster parent and worker skills for enabling adolescents who have been placed in foster care to establish themselves in independent living situations.

In the area of family assistance, training includes interviewing skills, self-management and caseload management. A major objective of this training is to ensure satisfactory levels of worker performance as a means of obtaining accurate, reliable eligibility information and to convey to the client that the agency is concerned about people and intends to assist them positively and equitably.

**Ben P. Granger**, Dean, UTSSW  
**Ronald K. Green**, Director, OCSWE  
**Ann R. Wilson**, Editor

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